IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound having the formula;

wherein

 R_1 and R_2 , each independently, represent hydrogen or lower alkyl or acyl having 1-4/carbon atoms;

R' and R" represent hydrogen, lower alkyl or acyl having 1-4 carbon atoms, OH, alkoxy having 1-4 carbon atoms, thiol or thio ether, or amino, except that R" cannot be OH when R' is H,

or R' or R" taken together form a[n oxo (keto),] methano, thioketo, HO-N=, NC-N=, $(R_2R_3)N-N=$, $R_{17}O-N=$, $R_{17}N=$, epoxy, cyclopropyl, or cycloalkyl group and wherein the epoxy, cyclopropyl, and cycloalkyl groups can be substituted with lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons or halogen;

 R_6 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} each independently represent hydrogen, a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons, halogen, nitro, OR_7 , SR_7 , NR_7R_8 or $(CF)_nCF_3$ and exist only if the Z, Z', Z", Z'", or Z"" from which it originates is C, or each independently represent hydrogen or a

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lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons if the Z, Z', Z'', Z''', or Z'''' from which it originates is N, and where one of R_6 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} or R_{13} is X;

 R_7 represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbons; R_8 represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbons;

R₉ represents a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons, phenyl, aromatic alkyl, or q-hydroxyphenyl, q-bromophenyl, q-chlorophenyl, q-florophenyl, or q-iogophenyl, where q=2-4;

R₁, represents hydrogen, lower alkyl having 1-8 carbons, alkenyl (including halogen, acyl, OR, and SR, substituted alkenes), R₉, alkyl carboxylic acid (including halogen, acyl, OR, and SR, substituted alkyls), alkenyl carboxylic acid (including halogen, acyl, OR, and SR, substituted alkenes), alkyl amines (including halogen, acyl, OR, and SR, substituted alkyls), and alkenyl amines (including halogen, acryl, OR, and SR, substituted alkenes):

 R_{18} represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons, [halogan,] halogen, nitro, OR_7 , SR_7 , NR_7R_8 , or $(CF)_n$ CF_3 , except that when R' and R'' taken together form OH-N= or R_{17} O-N=, then R_{18} cannot be OH;

X is COOH, tetrazole, PO_3H , SO_3H , CHO, CH_2OH , $CONH_2$, COSH, $COOR_9$, $COSR_9$, $CONHR_9$, or COOW where W is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, and where X can originate from any C or N on the ring;

Z, Z', Z", Z"' and Z"", each independently, represent C, S, O, N, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, but is not O or S if attached by a double bond to another such Z or if attached to another such Z which is O or S, and is not N if attached by a single bond to another such Z which is N; and

n = 0-3.

and a

- 3. (Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of
 - 4-[1-(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)ethenyl] benzoic acid,
 - 4-[1-(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)cyclopropyl] benzoic acid,
 - [4-[(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)carbonyl] benzoic acid,]
- $\label{eq:carbonyl} \mbox{4-[(2$-methyl-$4$-$t-butylphenyl)carbonyl] benzoic acid oxime,} \\ \mbox{and} \\$
- $\label{eq:condition} 4\hbox{-}[1\hbox{-}(2\hbox{-methyl-}4\hbox{-}t\hbox{-butylphenyl})\,\text{carbonyl}] \ \ \text{benzoic acid}$ $\text{methyloxime}\,.$

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